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In re Application of:

Van Gompel et al.

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Group Art Unit No.: 3765

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and

made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

No.	Date	Name
4,315,508	2/1982	Bolick
4,522,853	6/1985	Szonn et al.
4,887,338	12/1989	Handler
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Respectfully submitted,

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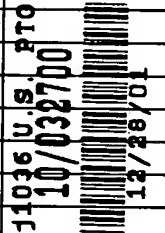


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